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Dear Sir:

This paper is responsive to the Office Action dated May 4, 2006. Kindly enter the following amendments:

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